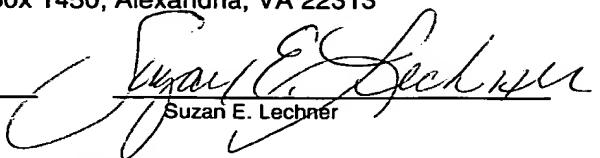


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Extension of Time accompanies this Amendment, extending the period for response until February 18, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.